MAES PFT Budget Meeting Minutes

Date: May 2, 2023

7 pm- 8:20 pm

Meeting called by: Kimberley Fasano

Attendees: (Board only as it is a meeting to go over the proposed budget) Kimberley Fasano, Mandy June, Lauren Tennett, Kelly Sullivan, Megan Bartashevich

Meeting Location: Zoom

1. MAES PFT Budget for 2023/2024 School Year
2. Some items have been removed and some items have either been added or amounts increased.
3. Thanksgiving meal was removed from the budget as it has not occurred for a few years.
4. Add budget line for a family event, which will be determined in the future.
5. We have enough pink paper at this time, so we should not have to order more.
6. Agreed that Fall mini sessions, movie nights, boy’s day out, and cookie fundraiser are all easy and successful fundraisers, so we will keep them in the rotation.
7. Kim and Lauren discussed the verbiage of the budget- income vs. revenue.
8. Line items in budget are based on the 2022/2023 budget, educated judgment, and increases for inflation.
9. Increased the budget amount for popcorn. Discussion about raising the price to 75 cents. This was decided against because it is harder to count and keep track of. It will stay at 50 cents a bag.
10. Everyone agreed to increase the teacher and unified arts support. This has not been increased in a few years. We all agreed this should be a priority, especially with our surplus funds. Kim will make sure to advertise to teachers.
11. Holiday breakfast- revenue has gone down based on the changes made, and it may lose money. All agreed that it is okay because it is more of a community event.
12. Penny Wars and Paint night will be back for 2023/2024 with expected revenue. Have many supplies already.
13. All agreed that paying for the website that organizes aspects of the PFT is worth the investment. Makes activities more organized and decreases workload of president, so it is worth it. It will also make transition of president easier when the time comes.
14. Playground funding- this is still up in the air.

BUDGET MEETING ADDENDUM: May 8, 2023, 7:10 pm- 8:00 pm, over Zoom

Attendees: Kim Fasano, Megan Bartashevich, and Mandy June

1. Funding new playground equipment at MAES.
2. We have the money.
3. We agree it is a great way to spend money that kids and families raised.
4. All families and the community will benefit.
5. It will help the school district.
6. Kim will check with Suzanne about any potential issues with covering the cost.
7. Discussion about how we need to vote on approving this cost. The by-laws seem to allow a board vote or a vote at the next scheduled PFT meeting, however, in an effort to be transparent with the spending of funds, we discussed having a vote amongst the PFT membership via email.
8. There was a question about whether the PFT would be covering the cost of the playground equipment that was installed in May 2023, or if there is more equipment that is planned for the summer of 2023. Kim has a meeting with Scott Gross to clarify this.